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B205/251/64 WP 113

SUBJ: DESOTO SUPPORT

1. HAVE INDICATIONS THAT USN-27 AND USS MADDOX WERE IN COMMUNICATIONS PRIOR TO 2 AUGUST INCIDENT. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE BY IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE RUN-DOWN SUCH COMMS. PARTICULARLY NEED INFO ON ANY EARLY WARNING WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN PASSED TO INCLUDE NATURE OF WARNING AND TIME.

INFO NEEDED TO ROUND-OUT DOCUMENTATION OF SIGINT SUPPORT TO THE MADDOX PRIOR TO THE ATTACK. 2. FYI ALL CONCERNED MOST GRATIFIED WITH ROLE OF SIGINT PRODUCERS, EXPECT APPROPRIATE BOUQUETS WILL BE FORTHCOMING

M/R: Request for field activity action in support of B2 effort to document SIGINT support to the USS MADDOX prior to the attack by DRV Naval craft on 2 August.

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F42/7580 PW 105

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1. REGRET EXCESSIVE DELAY IN RESPONSE. COMMUNICATIONS
DIFFICULTIES DELAYED RECEIPT OF INFO HERE.

2. INFO FORWARDED TO MADDOX CONSISTED OF THE SEVERAL
REPORTS ISSUED DURING THE PERIOD (2/Q/VHN/R25, 27, 28 AND
29) PLUS A NUMBER OF TRANSMISSIONS CONTAINING PARTIAL
TRANSLATIONS/GISTS OF INTCPD MSGS ALONG WITH THEIR TIMES
G INTCPT. HERewith CHRONOLOGICAL LISTING OF THESE
TRANSMISSIONS (READ DTG OF XMISSION, TEXT OR SERIAL NR
OF REPT). 010535Z: BADLY GARBLED MSG FROM BEN THUY TO
PXI ENTITY REPORTS SIGHTING ENEMY VESSEL 20 NAUTICAL
MILES FROM LY MUA (17-38N 106-30E) BEARING ((0))50

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DEGREES. TOI: 311920Z 0'0546Z: 2/Q/VHN/R25-64

011300Z. 377 (U/I AS TO TYPE/CLASS) LOCATED EAST OF HON HGUS

(18-47-48N 105-45-08 ELM TOI 011230Z. 011720Z: AT 011627Z

BEN THUY SENT A MESSAGE TO 255 ((UNIDENT AS TO TYPE/CLASS))

INFORMING THEM IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO FIGHT THE ENEMY TONIGHT.

255 WAS ALSO QUERIED NF THEY HAD RECEIVED THE ENEMY'S CONSECUTIVE

CHANGE FROM 520 ((UNIDENT)). 011830Z: AT 011652Z AN UNIDENTIFIED

ENTITY SENT A MESSAGE TO COMPANY 510 ((PROBABLY OBSERVATION

STATION ON HON ME ISLAND 19-21N 105-56E)) AND SWATOW CLASS PGM

T146 INFORMING THEM THAT AT 011800G AN ENEMY TACK VESSEL WAS

ELEVEN NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HON ME ON A BEARING OF 168

DEGREES. ((MULTIPLE PART MSG INCOMPLETE)). 011846Z: AT 011755Z

PORT WALLUT INFORMED TE T146 THAT THREE VESSELS FROM BATTALION 135

((UNIDENT)) HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ARRIVE AT ((C AL HOON NE)) ((17-54-40N

106-00-40E)) BEFORE 0300G ON 02 AUGUST. REMAINDER OF TEXT GARBLED.

012032Z: AT 011641Z MSG ZCLHEN UNIDENT ENTITIES INDIC THAT COP ON

HON ME IS "TO OBSERVE ALL SHIPS AND DIRECT SAME TO THEIR OBJECTIVE."

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SAME COP DIRECTED "TO INVESTIGATE LACH TRAY RIVER ESTUARY
(20-49N 106-37E) SO THAT ON 02 AUG "SHIPS CAN BE DIRECTED TO
ENTER AN NAP (20-35N 106-17E). IN VIEW PREVIOUS MSG INDIC
DECISION TO REQUEAECO DESTOT BELIEVE ABOVE MAY INDIC THAT
FISHING VESSELS TO BE CLEARED FROM VICINITY ON HON ME. ON
31 JULY POSSIBLY 10 FISHING VESSELS ON HON ME. ON 31 JULY
POSSIBLY 10 FISHING VESSELS OPERATING THIS AREA. 012058Z AT
012013Z THE T377 ((SWATOW CLASS PGM)) NOTIFIED BEN THUY THAT
THE UNIT LAUNCHED AT 02300G AND WAS WAITING QTE FIVE LIEN
UNQTE NORTHWEST OF HON NGU.

012152Z: 2/Q/VHN/R27-64

020414Z: 2/Q/VHN/R28-64

021232Z: 2/Q/VHN/R29-64

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